

REMARKS

The sequence listing in this application is the same as in the parent application Serial No. 09/232,279, submitted in this application on July 27, 2000. It is respectfully requested that the U.S. PTO use the electronic version of the sequence listing in the parent application, making any necessary changes therein for this application, e.g., as to Serial Number and filing date.

It is respectfully asserted that the sequence disclosure contained in the application fully complies with the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 to § 1.825.

It is respectfully submitted that the Sequence Listing conforms to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.823(b). The Statements required by 37 C.F.R §1.821(f) and (g) are set forth below.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.821 (g), the undersigned hereby states that this submission, filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821 (g), does not contain new matter.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.821 (f), the undersigned hereby states that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821 (c) and (e), respectively, are the same.

Also enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement which references the publications cited in the parent application. It is requested that the Examiner make these publications of record in this application and that a copy of the PTO 1449 form be initialed by the Examiner and returned to the Applicant.

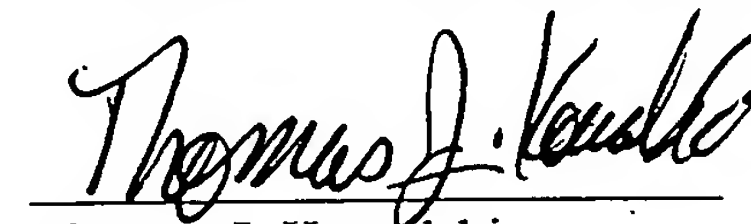
The amendments made herein serve to place the application in better form for prosecution by including the lineage of the application as well as by meeting the requirement for inclusion of an abstract on a separate sheet.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment and an early examination of claims 12-18 on the merits are respectfully requested. It is believed that no additional fees are due for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment and related papers. Any deficiency or overpayment in this fee, or any other fee occasioned by this paper or any overpayment in any other fee occasioned by this paper, may be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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